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## **RE: Application for Proposition 1B Funds for Shore power at the Port of Oakland**

Dear Chairperson Nichols and Members of the Committee:

I strongly support the application to grant the maximum amount of \$38 million of Proposition 1B funds for Shore power at the Port of Oakland. Shore power is a win win in the State for the environment and the economic viability of the Port.

As a Bay Area Air Quality Management District Board member and an Alameda County Supervisor, I urge you to support and fund this important Goods Movement Emission Reduction infrastructure project – Shore power. I applaud the Maritime industry for its plans to spend up to \$1 billion to retrofit their vessels to plug into the power grid when docked. Proposition 1B funds will provide critical funding for the Port of Oakland to meet the largely unfunded expenses for land-side improvements at an estimated cost of \$128 million. This project is consistent with the Port of Oakland Maritime Air Quality Improvement Plan (MAQIP), which was developed by multiple stakeholders. These stakeholders included CARB and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) as well as other agency, customer, community and non-governmental agencies (NGOs). I am also aware that stakeholders participated in a more than two-year process to develop MAQIP in an effort to achieve the Port's goal of reducing health risk from diesel pollution by 85% from seaport sources by 2020. Shore power is identified as a critical project to reduce emissions from one of the largest sources of diesel pollution in the port area – supporting healthy communities and the Northern California economy.

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I believe without hesitation that it is of the utmost importance for you to support and fund land-side shore power improvements at the Port of Oakland in the maximum amount of \$38 million. This is both reasonable, equitable, and in the public interest. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me or my staff Robyn Hodges at 510-272-3691 at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nate Miley". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

NATE MILEY  
Supervisor

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Cc: Hon. Ronald V. Dellums, Mayor, City of Oakland  
President Victor Uno and Oakland Board of Port Commissioners  
Omar R. Benjamin, Executive Director, Port of Oakland  
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